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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of: Hillman et al.

Title: A NOVEL PROSTATE-ASSOCIATED KALLIKREIN

Serial No.: 09/170,980

Filing Date: October 13, 1998

Examiner: Davis, Minh-Tam

Group Art Unit: 1642

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2001, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time in order to file this response. Authorized fees include the statutory fee of \$400.00 for a two-month extension of time.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 11-16 and 21-24 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 1, 18-20 and 25 with the following amended versions of those claims. Please also add new claims 27-32, which are listed below. For the Examiner's convenience, all of the pending claims are listed below. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the